and marginal farmers, the banks have been advised to make efforts to increase their disbursements to small and marginal farmers to 40% of their direct disbursements under the Special Agricultural Credit Plan (SACP) by March, 2007.

Agricultural credit disbursed by public sector banks under SACP in the State of Maharashtra during the last three years are as follows:

Year	Disbursements (Rs. in Crore)
2001-2002	2238.18
2002-2003	2256.70
2003-2004	2851.73

Market-networks for Agro-products

864. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a unified market-network for agro-products and produces all over the country;

(b) whether such marketing facilities are also likely to be extended to the rural areas of Uttaranchal; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Question do not arise.

Tissue Culture in Gujarat

865. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for promotion of tissue culture in the country;

(b) whether any such scheme has been promoted in Gujarat during the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the funds allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA) (a) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "Marco-Management in Agriculture—Supplementation/Complementation of State Efforts' through Work Plan" is being implemented in the country including Gujarat. Under this scheme a programme on Integrated Development of Fruits is being implemented including Promotion of Tissue Culture.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) There are two proposal received during 2003-04 on Establishment of Tissue Culture Unit which are under consideration of Government of Gujarat.

(d) An amount of Rs. 250.00 lakhs sanctioned for implemented for Integrated Development of Fruits during the year 2004-05 by Government of Gujarat including the programme on Promotion of Tissue Culture.

Coconut Cultivation in Gujarat

866. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coconut cultivation has increased in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details of production recorded during each of the last three years; district-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase the domestic use of coconut and coconut products and to set up coconut based industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA) (a) Yes, Sir. The cultivation of coconut in Gujarat has been increased from 14232 ha. in 2001-02 to 15969 ha. in 2003-04.